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PRIOR TO MEETING WITH VISITING CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF GENERAL BROWN, MORNING MARCH 28, THE SHAH CALLED ME IN TO DISCUSS A COUPLE OF POINTS HE HAD RAISED WITH ME VIA FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY ON MARCH 21 (TEHRAN 2491 AND TEHRAN 2493). SINCE THE SHAH IS THE ULTIMATE DECISION MAKER ON NUCLEAR POLICY, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF MENTIONING BRIEFLY THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. THE SHAH RESPONDED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS GUARANTEED ACCESS TO ENRICHED FUEL
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FOR HIS NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR NETWORK. IRAN, HE SAID, HAS NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING WEAPONS GRADE MATERIAL OR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. HE NOTED THAT IRAN WAS SIGNATORY TO THE NPT, THAT IT ADHERED TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS, THAT IT WAS WHOLE-HEARTEDLY BEHIND EFFORTS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND THAT IT HAD TAKEN THE LEAD IN PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. HE

WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT WE INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE ACCESS TO WEAPONS USABLE MATERIALS BUT WONDERED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE. IN HIS OPINION, HE SAID, THE FAST BREEDER REACTOR WAS THE ONLY ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE SYSTEM ON THE HORIZON AT THE MOMENT. HE ASKED THAT THE TALKING POINTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RRFTEL BE LEFT WITH THE COURT WHICH I WILL DO TODAY. WE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENT WHEN IT IS STUDIED BY THE SHAH'S ADVISERS IN THIS FIELD.

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